



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
GOVERNOR

September 21, 2010

Dennis McLerran, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10
1200 6th Avenue, Suite 900
Seattle, WA 98101

RE: Placement of Astoria Marine Construction on National Priorities List - Concurrence

Dear Mr. McLerran:

We have been informed of U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10's plan to place Astoria Marine Construction on the National Priorities List. Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) staff, after reviewing the facts and communicating with local stakeholders, have recommended our concurrence. I agree with this recommendation. Therefore, pursuant to 40 CFR 300.425(2), this letter serves as official documentation of Oregon's concurrence with placement of Astoria Marine Construction on the National Priorities List.

The Astoria Marine Construction site is a boat refurbishment and maintenance yard located approximately three miles south of the City of Astoria in Clatsop County, Oregon. This facility – which sits on the east bank of the Lewis and Clark River, about one mile upstream of its confluence with Young's Bay – has been in operation since the 1920's and employed as many as 100 workers during its peak production in the 1940-50's. The facility still provides ship repair and refurbishment services and currently employs about 10 workers.

EPA's recent inspections show that contamination from historic industrial activities is present in site soils and groundwater on the facility site and has accumulated in Lewis and Clark River sediments surrounding the facility. Elevated concentrations of petroleum constituents, heavy metals and marine pesticides on and near the site pose a threat to human health and ecological species. DEQ's records show some minor removal work was performed by the site owners in the mid-1990's, but the most recent data show that remedial action is needed.

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I fully support listing the Astoria Marine Construction site on the National Priorities List. Placing this site on the National Priorities List is a critical step to protect the health of local residents, threatened and endangered fish species, and recreational water users.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Theodore R. Kulongoski', written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI
Governor

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c: Dan Opalski, USEPA Region 10
Dick Pedersen, Director, Oregon DEQ